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SUB: CHARGE TALKS WITH GUINEAN AMB ABOUT DIALLO TELLI

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1. ALTHOUGH PAO WAS APPROACHED BY TWO PEOPLES EVENING NEWS REPORTERS WHO TOLD HIM THAT PAPER HAD ACQUIRED DIALLO TELLI CONFESSION FROM GUINEAN EMBASSY (WHO MOST LIKELY PAID FOR ITS PUBLICATION, SEE REFTTEL) WE HAVE NO PROOF (I.E. LETTERHEAD PAPER, ETC.) THAT THIS IS SO. NONETHELESS, CHARGE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN TO GUINEAN AMBASSADOR DIALLO RECENTLY AT A RECEPTION.

2. CHARGE SAID HE WAS SURPRISED THAT STORY SURFACING IN ACCRA SINCE U.S. CATEGORICAL DENIAL HAD BEEN BROADCAST IN GUINEA. AMBASSADOR EMBARKED ON LITANY ABOUT GUINEA BEING PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY AND ABOUT NEED TO GIVE FACTS TO THE PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO HIM STORY WAS FACTUAL. CHARGE SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN ANY FACTS IN THE STORY ONLY ALLEGATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR SEEMED INTENT ON STICKING TO THE PARTY-LINE AS HE HAD PRESUMABLY BEEN INSTRUCTED. AFTER A FAIRLY WARM DISCUSSION HE SWITCHED

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THE CONVERSATION TO U.S. MISDEEDS IN ANGOLA. CHARGE POINTED OUT

THAT U.S. HAD, IN FACT, ABSTAINED ON THE ANGOLAN SC VOTE IN
DEFERENCE TO AFRICAN DESIRES. AMBASSADOR GRUDGINGLY
ADMITTED THIS WAS SO.

3. COMMENT: ALTHROUGH AMBASSADOR WAS NOT ABOUT TO GIVE
GROUND ON THE TELLI STORY, THE DISCUSSION WAS USEFUL IN PUTTING
HIM ON NOTICE THAT WE PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT GUINEA IS DOING.
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